

BLM Budget Fact Sheet

The BLM, an agency of the Department of the Interior, manages 261 million acres of land (mostly in the West) and 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate nationwide. The BLM manages these lands for multiple uses and on a sustained-yield basis to meet the present and future needs of the American people. Public lands, which extend across rangelands, forests, high mountains, arctic tundra, and deserts, yield important economic benefits that make the BLM an asset to the American taxpayer.

The 2003 budget for the BLM improved recreation and visitor services, supported forest management improvements, and enhanced watershed protection. The budget also helped promote energy development as part of President Bush's National Energy Policy.

Activities on BLM lands generate significant revenue for the Federal Government:

Treasury receipts generated by the BLM, FY 2003 actual
 (excluding mining claim and helium collections) * \$2.4 billion

Treasury receipts generated by the BLM, FY 2004 estimate
 (excluding mining claim and helium collections) * \$2.3 billion

In FY 2003, the BLM-generated receipts are derived from activities on public lands including mineral leasing, grazing, right-of-way across public lands, and recreation.

Federal Collections from BLM-Managed Lands and Minerals:

Sale of public land and materials	\$ 292,931,022
Mining claim maintenance fees	27,476,495
Timber sales	13,074,703
Grazing leases, licenses, and permits	11,828,249
Recreational use fees	10,287,221
Rights-of-way rent	9,399,967
Mineral leases and permits	78,847,460
Rent of lands	1,507,477
Fees and commissions	708,213
Other operating revenues	956,339
Other non-operating revenue	20,224,407
Sale of helium	87,051,939
MMS onshore mineral leasing receipts	1,933,353,913
TOTAL	\$ 2,487,647,405



The BLM shares receipts and other payments with the U.S. Treasury and public lands States, where they support activities and services vital to Western communities.

State and County Share of BLM-Generated Receipts and Other Payments:

Payments in lieu of taxes (PILT)	\$ 220,000,000
Grazing fees	2,218,215
Proceeds of sales	642,106
National grasslands	469,871
Nevada land sales	34,409,641
Oregon and California grant lands (payments for 2002 made in 2003)	109,601,801
Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands (payments for 2002 made in 2003)	955,910
National Petroleum Reserve payments to Alaska	34,556,469
Calista Property Account	5,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 407,854,012

BLM Investments in the States: **

Management of Land and Resources	\$ 911,541,671
Land Acquisition	71,587,575
Range Improvements	16,565,000
Construction and Access	28,883,156
Management of O&C Lands	109,576,386
Helium Operations	60,426,000
Central Hazmat Materials Fund	34,997,143
Wildland Fire Preparedness ***	275,411,000
Wildland Fire Operations ***	732,028,361
TOTAL	\$ 2,241,016,292

* Treasury Receipts exclude offsetting collections such as mining claim maintenance fees and collections from the sale of helium.

** Budgetary Resources for BLM programs for fiscal year 2003

*** Appropriations for Wildland Fire Management reported here include the portions allocated to other Interior bureaus and offices.